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QUOTE

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF USLO PERSONNEL

REF: DEPT 190383

1. WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS 9:15 A.M. (LOCAL) AUGUST 1. THE SAME
MESSAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO OTHER MISSIONS.

QUOTE: AFTERSHOCK HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY GOING ON SINCE
THE QUAKE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN TANG SHAN AND FENG NAN
AREA. THERE MIGHT BE STRONG EARTHQUAKE WITHIN THIS
MONTH IN PEKING. THE EARTHQUAKE CENTRE IS LIKELY TO
MOVE NEAR PEKING AREA. CONSIDERING THE SAFETY OF
FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THEM THE
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FOLLOWING:

(1) THE MINISTRY WOULD PROVIDE ANY CONVENIENCE
POSSIBLE FOR THOSE DIPLOMATS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO
WISH TO LEAVE CHINA TEMPORARILY;

(2) THOSE WISHING TO LEAVE PEKING FOR CANTON MAY
SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL ACCORDING TO THE
USUAL PROCEDURE;

(3) THE MINISTRY ADVISES ALL DIPLOMATS AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS TO STAY OUTSIDE OF BUILDINGS. UNQUOTE.

2. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT CHINESE ARE ADVISING US THAT AT
MINIMUM PRESENT CONDITIONS IN PEKING (INCLUDING CLOSING
OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND RESTAURANTS) AND POPULATION
LIVING IN SHELTERS ON STREETS WILL CONTINUE FOR THE MONTH
OF AUGUST. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE CHINESE ARE
ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO
LEAVE THE COUNTRY TEMPORARILY.

3. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE DECIDED TO EVACUATE
ALL WIVES AND DEPENDENTS UNLESS THEY SPECIFICALLY CHOOSE
TO REMAIN. ALSO INTEND REDUCE STAFF TO ESSENTIAL
MEMBERS. NAMES OF THOSE WHO ARE TO LEAVE WILL BE
SENT BY SEPTTEL. GATES

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